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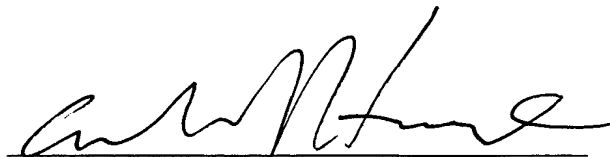
The undersigned representative would first like to thank the examiner for the courteous and helpful interview (telephonic) that took place on May 28, 2004.

All of the previously pending claims 1-50 have been canceled. Claims 51-63 are newly presented, of which independent claims 51, 56 and 61 were briefly discussed during the May 28 interview. Support for these new claims is found throughout the as-filed specification including, for example, page 7, line 23 to page 8, line 9 for claim 51; page 8, lines 3-4 for claim 56; and page 9, line 22 to page 10, line 11 for claim 61.

Independent claim 63 was not discussed during the May 28 interview. Claim 63 is directed to a mold embodiment wherein a depression or protrusion associated with one or more mold portion flanges is not present along the entire circumference of the flanges. Such a mold embodiment is described, for example, on page 6, lines 16-18 and page 8, lines 23-25.

New claims 51-63 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants request confirmation of the same.

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